THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, the 1st March 1955.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—FELICITATIONS TO MR. CHAIRMAN ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, will you permit me to offer to you on my own behalf and on behalf of this House our warmest felicitations on your assuming the high office of Vice-Chancellor of the Annamalai University. It is indeed a matter for gratification that the two Vice-Chancellors in this State adorn two important seats in this House. Let me hope that this feeling of joy on our part will not be a short-lived one."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, may I join with the Leader of the House in offering to you felicitations on your appointment as Vice-Chancellor, very warmly and very sincerely? "

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I am very grateful to the Hon. the Leader of the House, the hon. the Deputy Leader of the Opposition and hon. Members for their kind expression of joy on my assuming the office of Vice-Chancellor of the Annamalai University. I am sure that with the fine sentiments expressed by them, I should be able to discharge my duties as Vice-Chancellor, at least to my satisfaction during the period I hold that office. Thank you very much."

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Loan to the Co-operative Milk Supply Union, Cuddalore N.T.

*214 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of loan granted to the Co-operative Milk Supply Union, Cuddalore N.T., during the years 1952–53 and 1953–54;

(*b*) the approximate quantity of milk supplied by the society during the above period; and

(*c*) the number of milk centres managed by the society?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Nil.

" (*b*) The Union supplied 183,087 Madras measures of milk during 1952–53 and 172,097 Madras measures during 1953–54.

" (*c*) The Union managed 40 milk centres during 1952–53 and 37 during 1953–54."

SRI M. ETHIRAJULU :—" May I know whether the Government have any proposal to open a milk colony in the City on the model of the one in Bombay? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The milk colony in Bombay is intended for Bombay City. It requires huge investment."

SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" May I know whether the price charged for milk sold by the co-operative socities compares favourably with the prices obtaining elsewhere? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI M. ETHIRAJULU :—" May I know whether the Govearnment have conducted any research to find out whether buffalo's milk or cow's milk is better for human living? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Buffalo's milk, I believe, contains more fat than cow's milk."

SRI T. M. DAIVASIKHAMANI ACHARIAR :—" May I know whether the milk supplied by the co-operative societies is being sterilised or scientifically purified? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" They are supplying good milk. They test it before sending it for retail sale outside. In Madras City, it is pasteurised."

SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" Is it correct to say that pasteurised milk is being sold? If so, in view of certain comments which appeared in the newspapers that such milk was not good, will the Government discontinue this process of pasteurising milk? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is regarded as good milk and that is why there are proposals under the Part II Schemes for installing pasteurisation plants in other places also."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" Will the Government consider the question of exempting milk from sales tax? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" This question may be addressed to the proper quarters."

Cost of the Neiveli Lignite Project

* 215 *Q.*—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the estimated cost of the Neiveli Lignite Project;

(*b*) how it is proposed to meet the expenditure; and

(*c*) the industries proposed to be started in that area and when?